UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 12/2/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

My memorandum of 11/22/63, set out additional information relating to the sale and distribution of the Western manufactured 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition used in the assassination. That memorandum was written in response to Mr. Belmont's instructions that every effort be made to trace the ammunition on the possibility that some of it may be traced into Oswald's hands.

The Springfield Office has advised that they have obtained, through contact at the Western Cartridge Corporation, East Alton, Illinois, copies of that Corporation's records relating to the manufacture of this ammunition. Western manufactured four million rounds of this ammunition for the United States Marine Corps during 1954.

Attached is a two-page copy of the records of Western relating to the complete manufacture of this order of ammunition which was authorized under Government contract DA-23-196-ORD-27.

The interesting thing about this order is that it is for ammunition which does not fit and cannot be fired in any of the USMC weapons.

This gives rise to the obvious speculation that it is a contract for ammunition placed by CIA with Western under a USMC cover for concealment purposes.

ACTION:

This information is being furnished Divisions 5 and 6 for whatever further investigative activity is deemed warranted.

1 - Mr. Tolson (Enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Belmont (Enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Mohr (enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Deloach (enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Rosen (Enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (Enclosures 2)
1 - Mr. Thompson, Boca Raton (enclosures 2)

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